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Subsidy for Replantation
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the subsidy of replanting rubber, coffee, pepper, cardamom;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposal;
(c) whether the Government has any regular mechanism to distribute the frontier research findings to farmers; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) and (b): Re-plantation subsidy for rubber, coffee, pepper and cardamom has been revised during the implementation of 12th Five Year Plan. Replanting subsidy for traditional rubber growing regions (Kerala & Tamil Nadu) was increased from Rs.19,500 per ha. in 11th plan to Rs.25,000 per ha. in 12th Plan and, for non-traditional rubber growing regions, from Rs. 30,000 in 11th plan to Rs.35,000 per ha. in 12th Plan. The subsidy increase in coffee replanting is about 75% over the 11th Plan period re-plantation programme. The replanting subsidy for cardamom (small) growers is given at the enhanced rate of Rs.70,000 per ha. in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, Rs.50,000 per ha. in Karnataka, Replanting subsidy for cardamom (large) growers in North East Region and West Bengal is available at the rate of Rs.28,000 per ha. during the 12th Plan from 2014-15 .

The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) envisages providing assistance for area coverage under spices at the rate of 40% of the maximum cost of Rs.50,000 per ha. for perennial spices including pepper and cardamom. In case of North East and Himalayan States, Tribal Sub Plan Areas, Andaman & Lakshadweep Islands, assistance given is 50% of the total cost.

(c) and (d): Government through the Rubber Board, the Coffee Board and the Spices Board maintains a network of extension services at various levels in the rubber, coffee, pepper and cardamom growing tracts of the country with capacity to transfer research findings to farmers on a regular basis. These Boards organize grower's seminars, meetings, mass contact programmes, farmers participating programmes in order to promote and convey research findings to the growers. Besides the Rubber Producers Societies (RPS) at village level promoted by Rubber Board also act as channels for disseminating research findings. Regional Research Stations and Technology Evaluation Centres of the Coffee Board located in different agro climatic zones showcase the latest findings of research for the benefit of the coffee growers. The Indian Cardamom Research Institute (ICRI) conducts monthly spice clinics, a scientist farmer interface at farmers' fields for interaction and knowledge dissemination and in-house training especially for Bio-agent production.
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